

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 11a**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**September 21, 2011**

Fisheries Under Consideration:	Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial
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*Management guidelines, allocations, and preseason run forecasts for the 2011 fall season were presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1, dated July 28, 2011.*

- Chinook passage at Bonneville through September 19 totals 312,800 adults (254,100 bright stock and 58,700 tule stock). Expected passage based on preseason forecasts and average passage timing was 324,600 bright stock and 86,800 tule stock (411,400 total), respectively.
- TAC reviewed salmonid stock status and fishery data on September 19 and further downgraded the inseason estimates for upriver Chinook. The current forecast includes 323,400 URBs and 70,000 BPHs to the Columbia River mouth, compared to preseason expectations of 399,600 and 116,400, respectively.
- August mainstem commercial Chinook landings (25,300) were below preseason expectations.
- At last week's Compact hearing, a total of four commercial mainstem fisheries were adopted for this week, including three Zone 4-5 openers and one Zone 1-5 opener. The catch expectation for all four fisheries combined was around 20,000 Chinook.
- Landings from the first three September openers were strong, and met the total expected catch for the four fisheries that were planned. In addition, as a result of the run size downgrade, fewer fish than expected are available for harvest.

Date	Area	Chinook	Coho	Sturgeon	Deliveries
Sept 18	Zone 1-5	10,300	3,400	335	173
Sept 19	Zone 4-5	6,000	1,800	91	106
Sept 20 (est.)	Zone 4-5	4,700	1,200	40	91
Total		21,000	6,400	466	

- Based on a forecasted URB run size of 323,400, on-going sport fisheries (including Snake River), and expected October commercial coho fisheries, the number of URBs available for September mainstem commercial fisheries is about 9,400 fish. Based on expected stock composition, this equates to a total allowable catch of 21,400 Chinook (all stocks) for September mainstem commercial fisheries.

**FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b><i>2011 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i></b>
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<b>RESCIND</b> the commercial fishing period previously scheduled to occur 8 PM Thursday September 22 to 6 AM Friday September 23, 2011 in Zones 4-5.
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- ✓ Total harvest in all non-Indian fisheries is projected to be near the 15% guideline for Upriver Bright fall Chinook based on current run size forecast and expected future fisheries.

## **FUTURE HEARINGS**

The Compact hearing previously scheduled for 10 AM Thursday September 22 via teleconference to discuss treaty fisheries has been cancelled. Treaty fisheries will be discussed today in Fact Sheet 11b. No additional hearings are scheduled at this time.